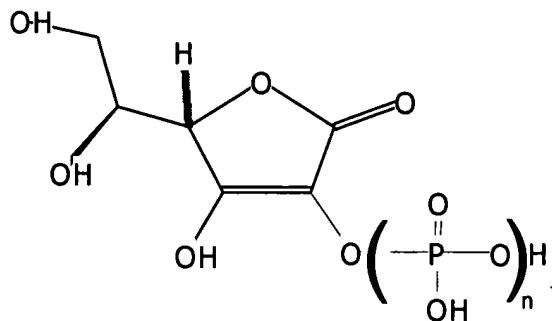


Amendment to the Claims

Claim 1. (Currently Amended): An oral care composition comprising

- (a) an orally acceptable ~~denture adhesive, and carrier;~~
- (b) an ascorbyl-2-phosphate compound having the following structure, or a sodium or potassium salt thereof,



wherein n is between 1 and 10; and

- (c) a tartar control agent.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein n is 2.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein n is 3.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein n is between 1 and 5.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, further including a source of calcium ions.

Claim 6. (Cancelled)

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the ascorbyl phosphate is selected from the group consisting of ascorbyl-2-monophosphate, ascorbyl-2-diphosphate, ascorbyl-2-triphosphate, ascorbyl-2-polyphosphate, or and combinations thereof.

Claim 8-10. (Cancelled)

Claim 11. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the tartar control agent comprises a calcium chelating agent.

Claim 12. (New) The composition of claim 11, wherein the calcium chelating agent is selected from the group consisting of sodium pyrophosphate, potassium pyrophosphate, sodium tripolyphosphate, potassium tripolyphosphate, sodium polyphosphate, potassium polyphosphate, EDTA, a bisphosphonate, citric acid, and gluconic acid.

Claim 13. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the tartar control agent comprises from about 0.1% to about 10% by weight of the composition.

Claim 14. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the tartar control agent comprises from about 1% to about 4% by weight of the composition.

Claim 15. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the pH of the composition is from about 5.5 to about 10.0.

Claim 16. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the pH of the composition is about 8.86.

Claim 17. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the carrier is in a dosage form selected from the group consisting of a toothpaste, gel, mouthwash, rinse, chewing gum, lozenge, floss, interdental stimulating stick, denture adhesive, buccal patch, tooth balm, dental tray-administered gel or paste, spray, chewable object, food or feed coating, topical dressing, and tooth varnish.

Claim 18. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein the carrier is selected from the group consisting of a water-soluble fluid, water-soluble solid, non-water soluble fluid, non-water soluble solid, humectant, thickener, abrasive, surfactant, sweetener, flavorant, colorant, abrasive, stabilizer, polymeric film-forming agent, and gum base.

Claim 19. (New) The composition of claim 18, wherein the water-soluble fluid is selected from the group consisting of water, glycerin, propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, butylene glycol, ethyl alcohol, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 20. (New) The composition of claim 18, wherein the water-soluble solid is selected from the group consisting of sorbitol, xylitol, maltitol, mannitol, other polyhydric alcohols, polyethylene glycol, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 21. (New) The composition of claim 18, wherein the non-water soluble fluid is selected from the group consisting of mineral oil, vegetable oil, natural or synthetically derived fluid ester, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 22. (New) The composition of claim 18, wherein the non-water soluble solid is selected from the group consisting of petrolatum, wax, polybutylene, a low molecular weight waxy polymer, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 23. (New) The composition of claim 18, wherein the humectant is selected from the group consisting of glycerin, propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, butylene glycol, sorbitol, xylitol, maltitol, mannitol, other polyhydric alcohol, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 24. (New) The composition of claim 18, wherein the thickener is selected from the group consisting of carboxypolymethylene, acrylate polymer and copolymer, carboxymethylcellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, xanthan gum, poly(maleic anhydride/methyl vinyl ether), poly(vinyl pyrrolidone), vinyl pyrrolidone copolymers, poly(vinyl acetate), vinyl acetate copolymer, hydrated silica, fumed silica, magnesium aluminum silicate, and salts and mixtures thereof.

Claim 25. (New) The composition of claim 18, wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of sodium lauryl sulfate, sodium lauroyl sarcosinate, sodium methyl cocoyl

taurate, sodium dodecyl benzenesulfonate, sodium lauryl sulfoacetate, poloxamer, polyoxyethylene sorbitan ester, fatty alcohol ethoxylate, a polyethylene oxide condensate of alkyl phenol, cocoamidopropylbetaine, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 26. (New) The composition of claim 18, wherein the sweetener is selected from the group consisting of a sugar, a sugar alcohol, saccharin, potassium acesulfame, aspartame, sucralose, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 27. (New) The composition of claim 18, wherein the flavorant is selected from the group consisting of oil of wintergreen, oil of peppermint, oil of spearmint, methyl salicylate, menthol, thymol, anethole, oil of clove, eucalyptol, eugenol, oil of cinnamon, vanillin, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 28. (New) The composition of claim 18, wherein the colorant is selected from the group consisting of an orally acceptable FD&C and D&C dye, FD&C and D&C lake, zinc oxide, titanium dioxide, natural and synthetic colorant, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 29. (New) The composition of claim 18, wherein the abrasive is selected from the group consisting of silica, dicalcium phosphate dihydrate, dicalcium phosphate anhydrous, hydrated alumina, insoluble sodium polymetaphosphate, calcium carbonate, calcium pyrophosphate, tricalcium phosphate, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 30. (New) The composition of claim 18, wherein the stabilizer comprises a chelating agent selected from the group consisting of EDTA, a bisphosphonate, citric acid, and gluconic acid.

Claim 31. (New) The composition of claim 18, wherein the stabilizer comprises a preservative selected from the group consisting of benzoic acid and its salts, methyl paraben, propyl paraben, potassium sorbate, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 32. (New) The composition of claim 1, further comprising an auxiliary active ingredient selected from the group consisting of an anticaries agent, an antiplaque agent, an antimicrobial agent, an antigingivitis agent, a desensitizing agent, and combinations thereof.

Claim 33. (New) The composition of claim 32, wherein the anticaries agent comprises a fluoride containing compound.

Claim 34. (New) The composition of claim 33, wherein the fluoride containing compound is selected from the group consisting of sodium fluoride, sodium monofluorophosphate, stannous fluoride, and an amine fluoride.

Claim 35. (New) The composition of claim 32, wherein the anticaries agent comprises from about 0.1% to about 4% by weight of the composition.

Claim 36. (New) The composition of claim 32, wherein the anticaries agent comprises from about 0.2% by weight to about 0.8% by weight of the composition.

Claim 37. (New) The composition of claim 32, wherein the antimicrobial agent is selected from the group consisting of triclosan, chlorhexidine and its salts, cetylpyridinium chloride, and an essential oil.

Claim 38. (New) The composition of claim 37, wherein the essential oil is selected from the group consisting of menthol, eucalyptol, thymol and methyl salicylate.

Claim 39. (New) The composition of claim 32, wherein the antimicrobial agent comprises from about 0.01% to about 2% by weight of the composition.

Claim 40. (New) The composition of claim 32, wherein the antimicrobial agent comprises from about 0.1% to about 1% by weight of the composition.

Claim 41. (New) The composition of claim 32, wherein the desensitizing agent is selected from the group consisting of potassium nitrate, potassium citrate, and strontium chloride hexahydrate.

Claim 42. (New) The composition of claim 32, wherein the desensitizing agent comprises from about 0.1% to about 10% by weight of the composition.

Claim 43. (New) The composition of claim 32, wherein the desensitizing agent comprises potassium nitrate in an amount of from about 3% to about 6% by weight of the composition.

Claim 44. (New) The composition of claim 32, wherein the desensitizing agent comprises potassium nitrate in an amount of about 5% by weight of the composition.